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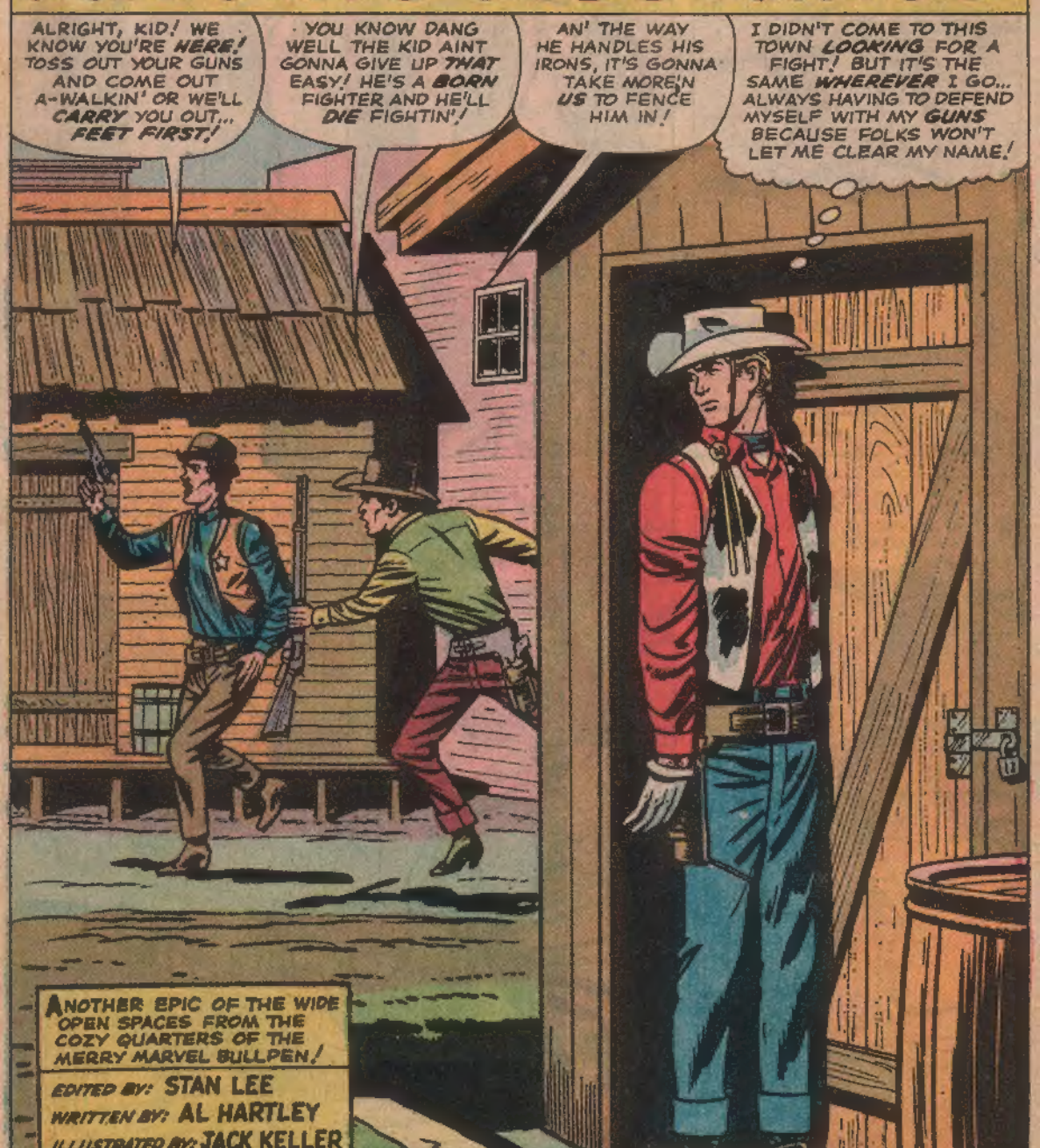
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NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' SENSE! WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE THAT WAY!
BY THE TIME THAT YELLOW-BELLY GETS BACK, I'LL TAKE THE KID MYSELF! THE GLORY WILL BE MINE!
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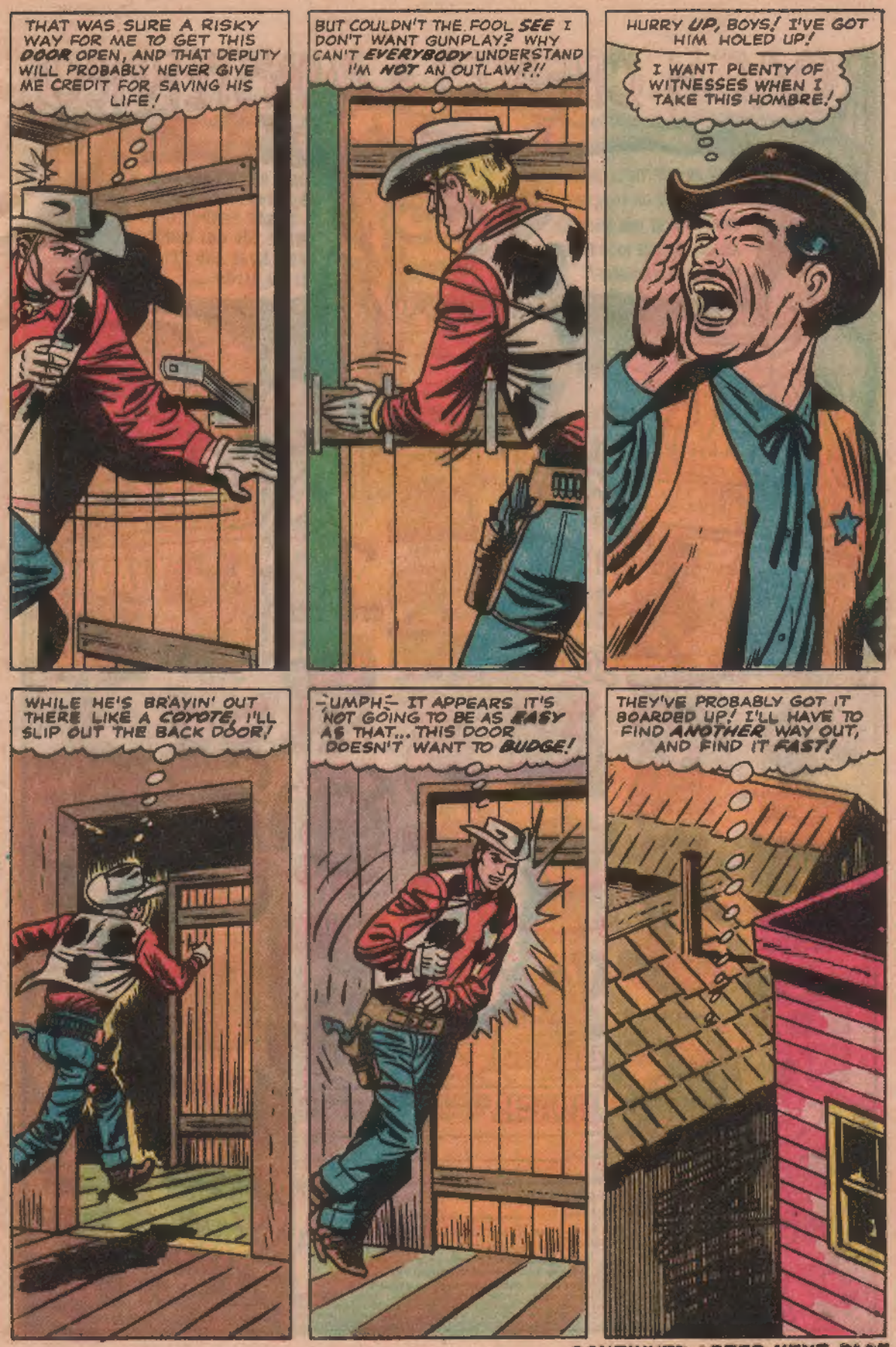
THAT WAS SURE A RISKY WAY FOR ME TO GET THIS DOOR OPEN, AND THAT DEPUTY WILL PROBABLY NEVER GIVE ME CREDIT FOR SAVING HIS LIFE!
BUT COULDN'T THE FOOL SEE I DON'T WANT GUNPLAY? WHY CAN'T EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND I'M NOT AN OUTLAW?!!
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I WANT PLENTY OF WITNESSES WHEN I TAKE THIS HOMBRE!
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-UMPH!- IT APPEARS IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AS EASY AS THAT... THIS DOOR DOESN'T WANT TO BUDGE!
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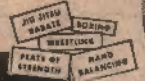

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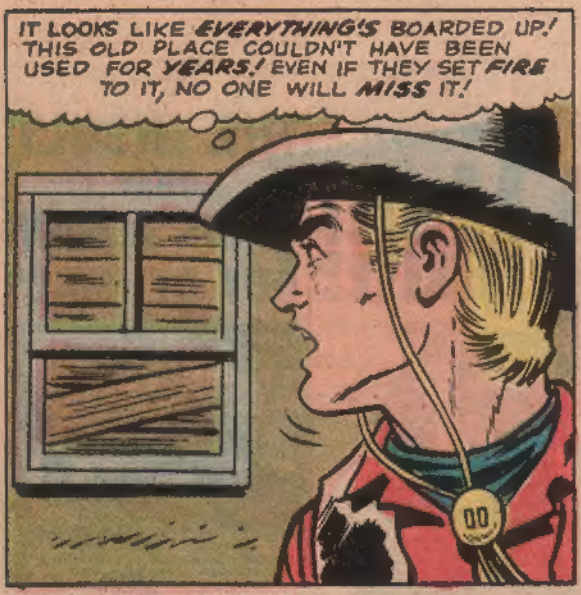
THERE'S THAT BIG STIFF AGAIN, SHOWING OFF IN FRONT OF GRACE AND THE CROWD. WELL IT'S MY TURN THIS TIME!
WHAM! —NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!
OH, MAC! YOU ARE A REAL MAN AFTER ALL!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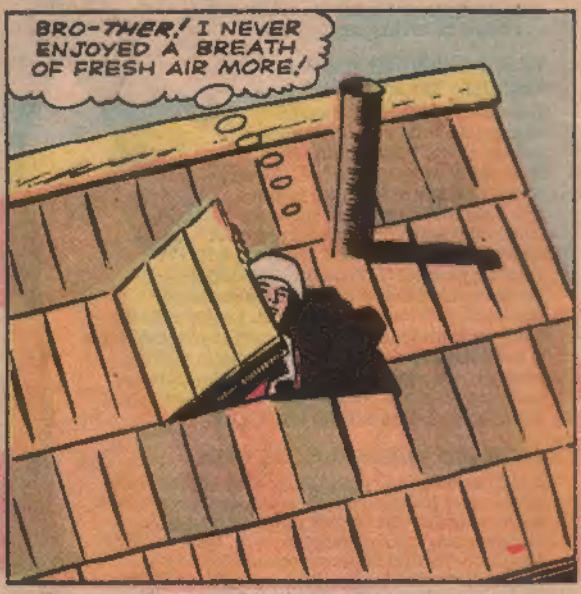
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GO THAT WAY! IF THEY FORCE ME INTO IT I'LL HAVE TO SHOOT IT OUT! WAIT! MAYBE I CAN AVOID USING MY GUNS AFTER ALL... THAT LOOKS LIKE A HAY HOLE UP THERE!

AFTER ALL THIS EXERCISE, I HOPE THAT HOLE ISN'T BOARDED UP, TOO!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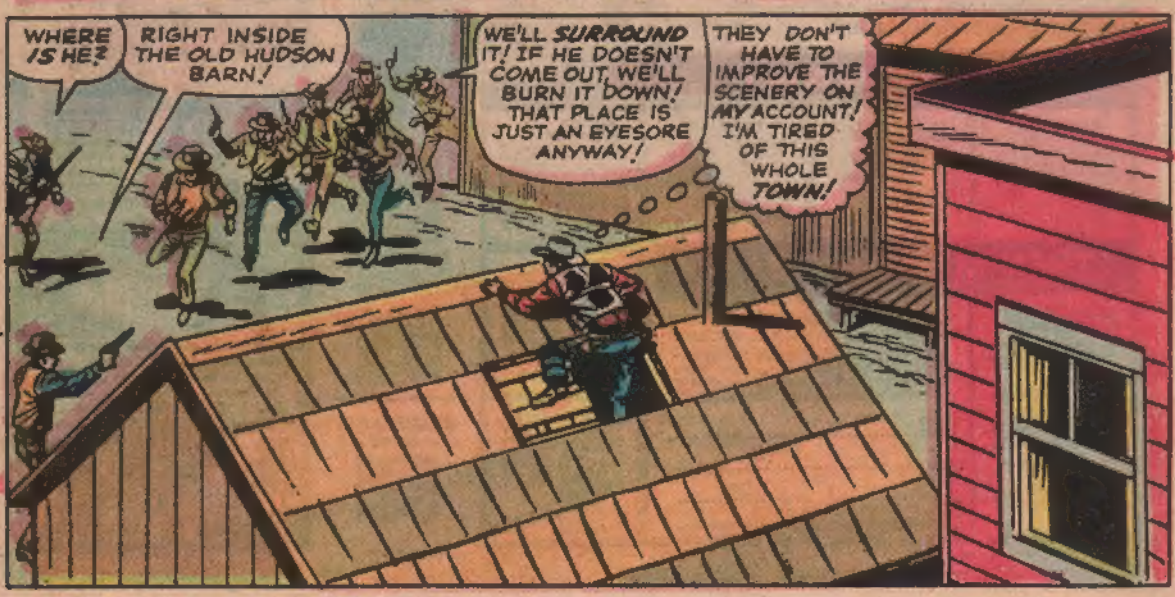
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RIGHT INSIDE THE OLD HUDSON BARN!
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BUT I'M NOT FIXIN' TO STICK AROUND AND WATCH ANY BARN-BURNING CEREMONIES!
THERE HE IS! HE GOT OUT!
I THOUGHT YOU HAD HIM ALL WRAPPED UP FOR US, DEPUTY!!!
THIS COW'S-HIDE VEST WILL GIVE ME AWAY ANYWHERE! MAYBE IF I TURN IT INSIDE OUT, I'LL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO VAMOOSE!
GIVING THEM THE SLIP WAS EASY ENOUGH! BUT THEY'RE GUARDING THE STABLE! HOW AM I GOING TO GET OUT OF TOWN WITHOUT A HORSE?
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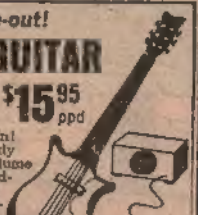

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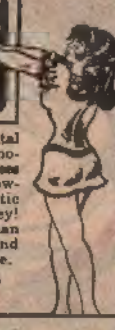

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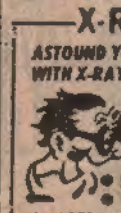

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THERE'S THE POSSE NOW! THEY'RE LOOKING IN ALL THE OBVIOUS PLACES! IT HASN'T OCCURRED TO THEM THAT I'D HAVE THE NERVE TO STAND RIGHT OUT HERE IN THE OPEN!
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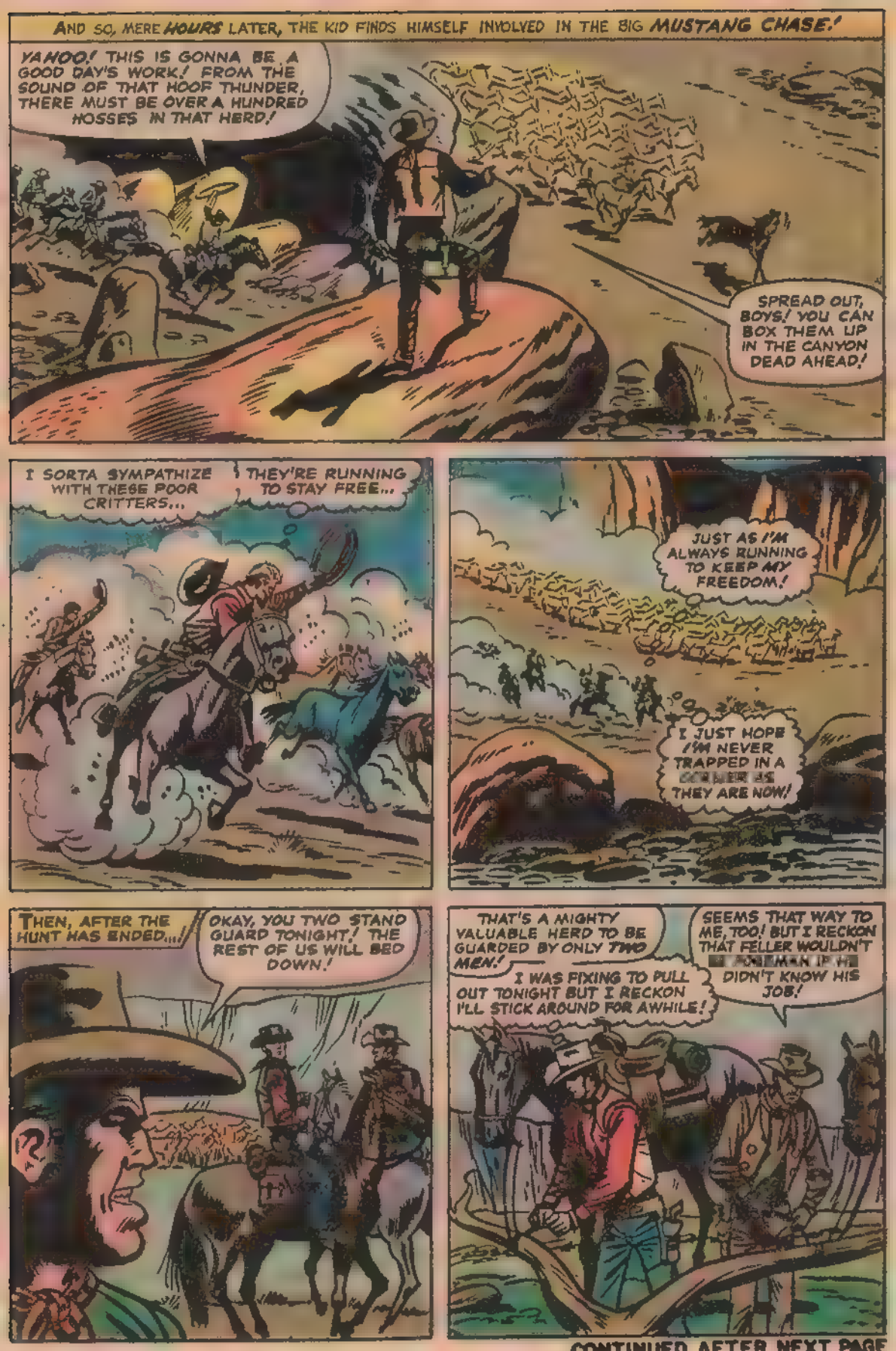
I'LL SIGN ON WITH YOU! HUNTING WILD MUSTANGS IS BETTER THAN SITTING AROUND THIS DEAD TOWN!
I'M TIRED OF SHOOTING MY WAY OUT OF TROUBLE! THIS IS THE ONLY OTHER WAY!
THAT HOMBRE HAS A FAMILIAR LOOK TO ME!
FOR A MOMENT, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE KID'S DARING ESCAPE WILL NOT SUCCEED, BUT...
HEY, LARSEN! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR KID COLT!
IF I SPOT 'IM I'LL HOLLAR!
I'VE SEEN THAT FACE SOMEWHERE
"WHEW" LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA MAKE IT AFTER ALL!


AND SO, MERE HOURS LATER, THE KID FINDS HIMSELF INVOLVED IN THE BIG MUSTANG CHASE!
YAHOO! THIS IS GONNA BE A GOOD DAY'S WORK! FROM THE SOUND OF THAT HOOF THUNDER, THERE MUST BE OVER A HUNDRED HOSSES IN THAT HERD!
SPREAD OUT, BOYS! YOU CAN BOX THEM UP IN THE CANYON DEAD AHEAD!
I SORTA SYMPATHIZE WITH THESE POOR CRITTERS...
THEY'RE RUNNING TO STAY FREE...
JUST AS I'M ALWAYS RUNNING TO KEEP MY FREEDOM!
I JUST HOPE I'M NEVER TRAPPED IN A CORNER AS THEY ARE NOW!
THEN, AFTER THE HUNT HAS ENDED...!
OKAY, YOU TWO STAND GUARD TONIGHT! THE REST OF US WILL BED DOWN!
THAT'S A MIGHTY VALUABLE HERD TO BE GUARDED BY ONLY TWO MEN!
I WAS FIXING TO PULL OUT TONIGHT BUT I RECKON I'LL STICK AROUND FOR AWHILE!
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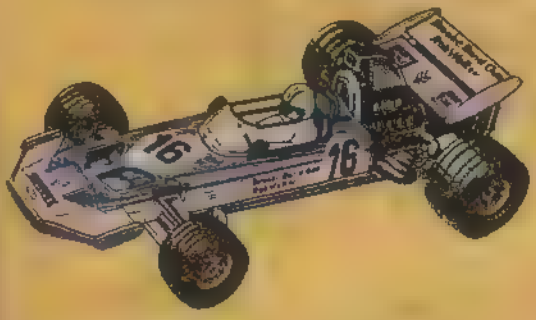

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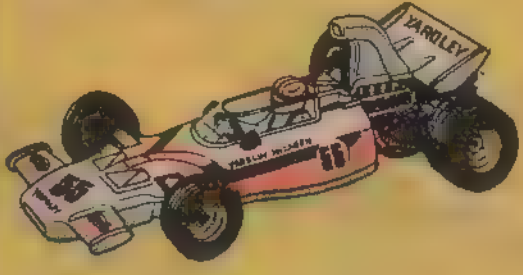

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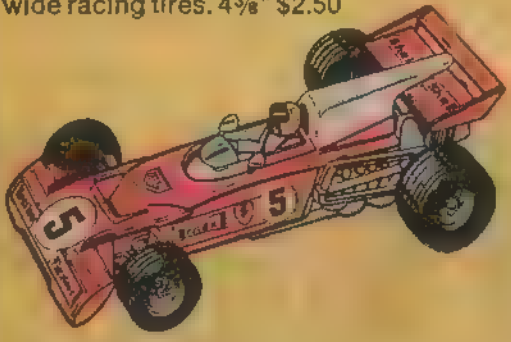

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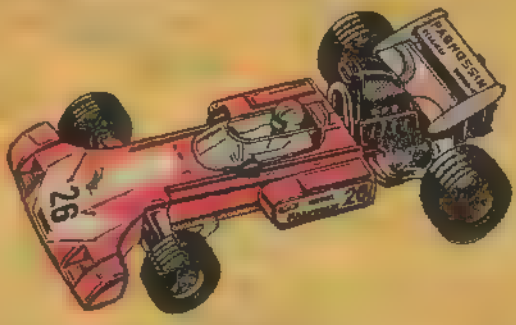

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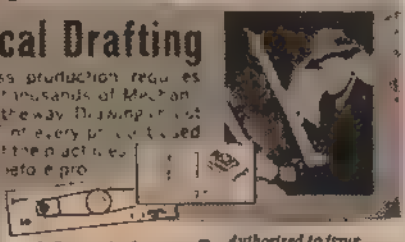

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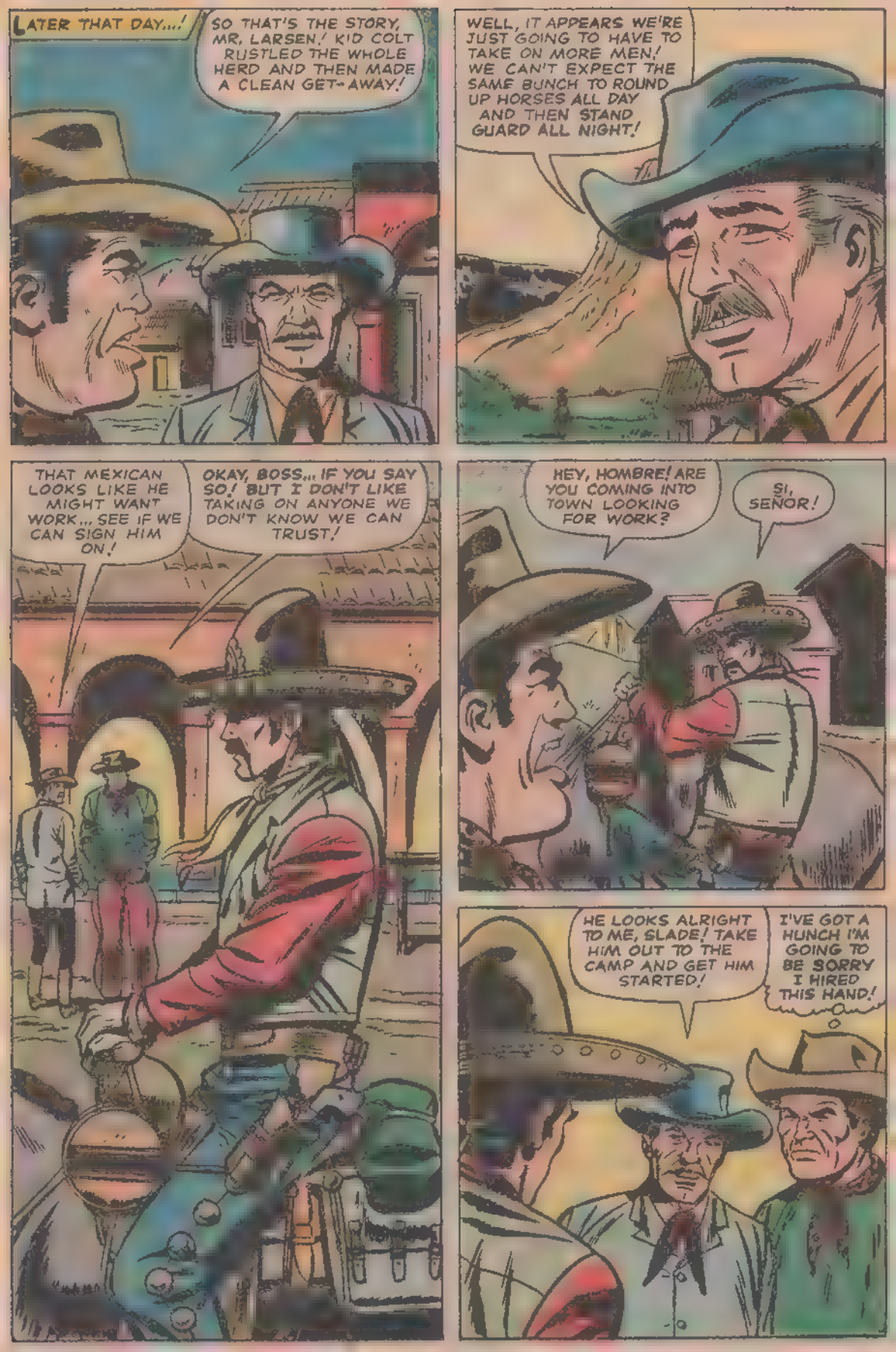
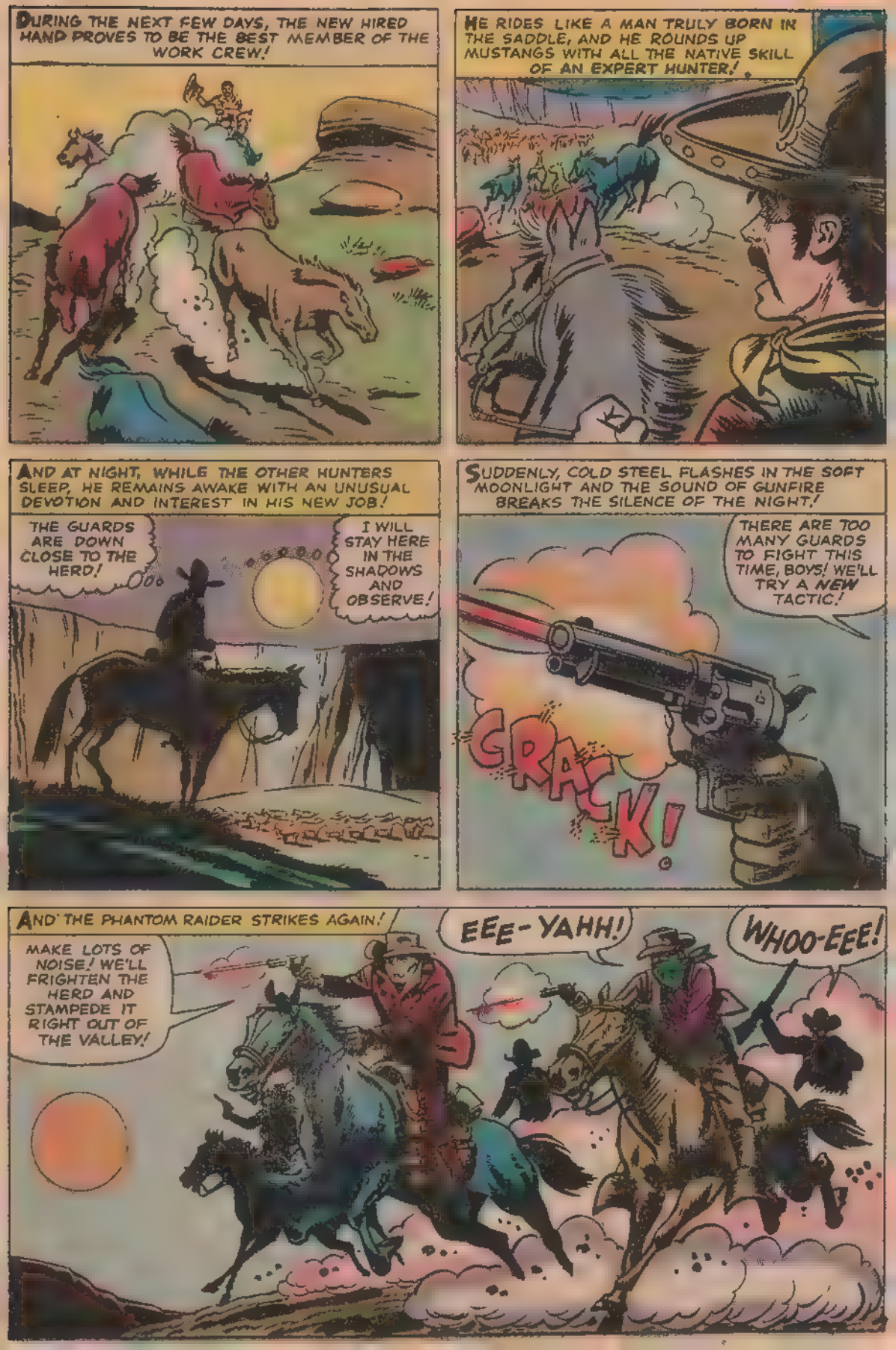
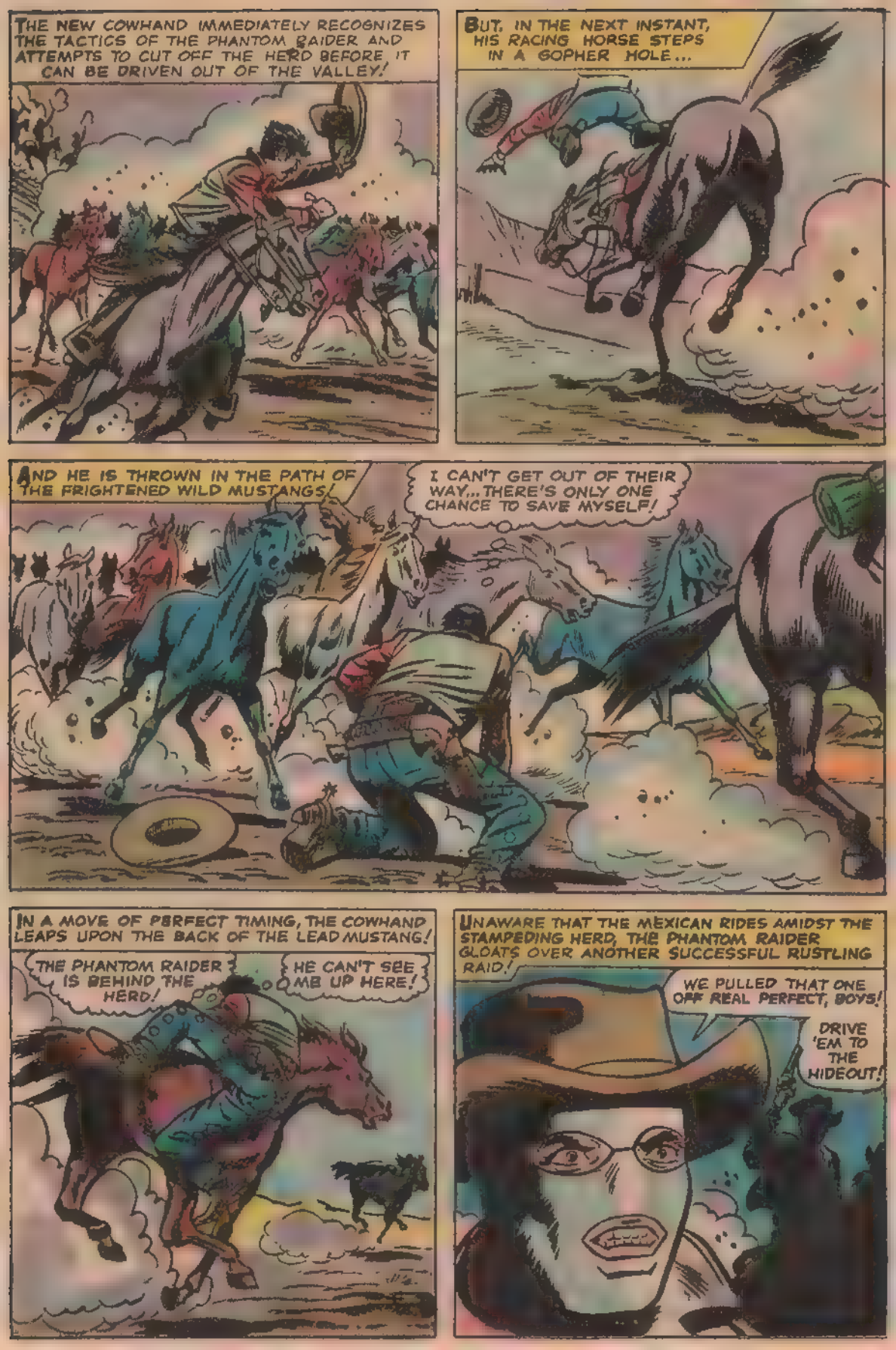
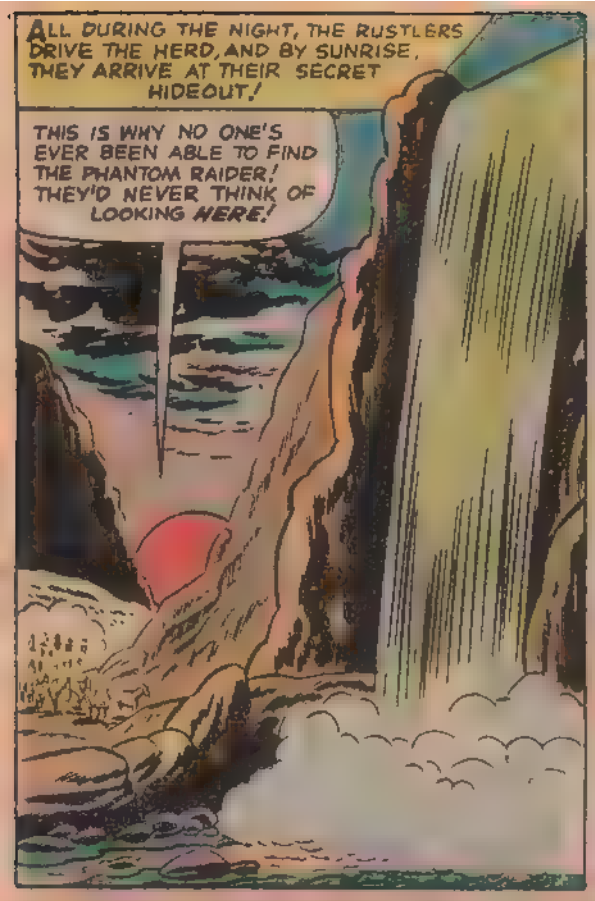
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS GUARD! YOU GET THE OTHER ONE!
THIS IS THE EASIEST JOB WE EVER PULLED! ONLY TWO GUARDS WATCHING THE WHOLE HERD!
IT'S GONNA BE A REAL PICNIC FOR THE PHANTOM RAIDER!
ALRIGHT, BOYS... KEEP 'EM AT A SLOW WALK SO WE DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE! WE DON'T WANT TO LET THOSE SLEEPING COWPOKES KNOW THE PHANTOM RAIDER'S BEEN HERE UNTIL THEY WAKE UP!
FINALLY, AT SUNRISE...!
THE WHOLE HERD'S BEEN RUSTLED! AND THIS IS THE GUY WHO DID IT!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK HE'S THE ONE, SLADE?

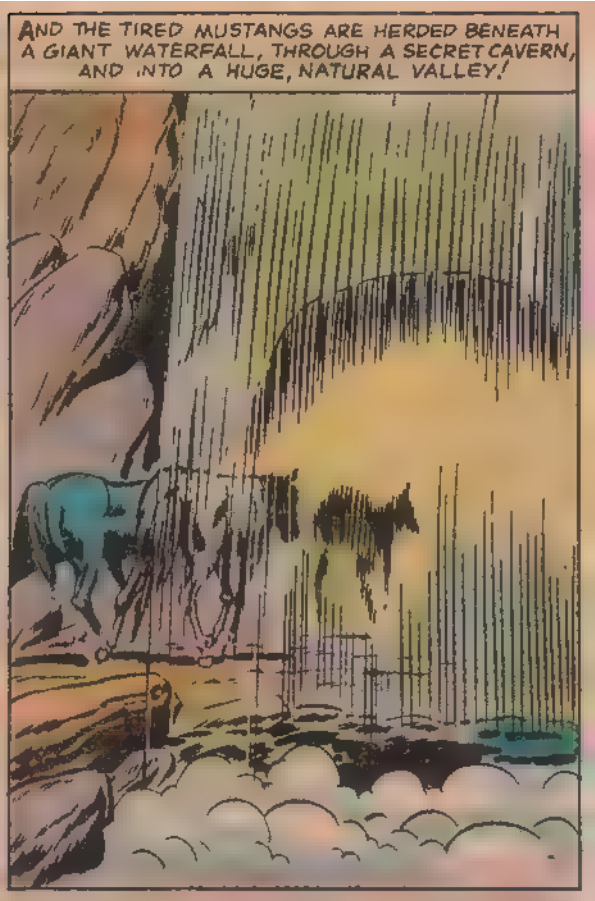
I RECOGNIZED THIS HOMBRE THE MINUTE I LAID MY EYES ON HIM! HE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS OUTLAW IN THESE PARTS! HE'S KID COLT!
I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE MY SLEEP DISTURBED, SLADE!
AND I THINK YOU CAN USE SOME SHUT-EYE, TOO!
SEEMS LIKE I CAN'T EVEN SPEND ONE PEACEFUL NIGHT WITHOUT SOMEONE ACCUSING ME OF SOMETHING I HAVEN'T DONE!
STOP HIM!
NOTHING'S GOING TO STOP ME NOW! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE IF I HAVE TO FIGHT THE WHOLE WORK CREW!
BUT I'LL BE BACK... ON MY OWN TERMS! I CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE THINKING THAT KID COLT IS A RUSTLER!
BESIDES, THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THAT FOREMAN!
IF HE KNEW I WAS KID COLT, WHY DIDN'T HE SPEAK UP TO THE SHERIFF AND HIS POSSE BEFORE?
WHY DID HE WAIT 'TILL THE HERD WAS STOLEN?


LATER THAT DAY....!
SO THAT'S THE STORY, MR. LARSEN.! KID COLT RUSTLED THE WHOLE HERD AND THEN MADE A CLEAN GET-AWAY!
WELL, IT APPEARS WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ON MORE MEN.! WE CAN'T EXPECT THE SAME BUNCH TO ROUND UP HORSES ALL DAY AND THEN STAND GUARD ALL NIGHT!
THAT MEXICAN LOOKS LIKE HE MIGHT WANT WORK... SEE IF WE CAN SIGN HIM ON!
OKAY, BOSS... IF YOU SAY SO.! BUT I DON'T LIKE TAKING ON ANYONE WE DON'T KNOW WE CAN TRUST!
HEY, HOMBRE! ARE YOU COMING INTO TOWN LOOKING FOR WORK?
SI, SENOR!
HE LOOKS ALRIGHT TO ME, SLADE! TAKE HIM OUT TO THE CAMP AND GET HIM STARTED!
I'VE GOT A HUNCH I'M GOING TO BE SORRY I HIRED THIS HAND!


DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE NEW HIRED HAND PROVES TO BE THE BEST MEMBER OF THE WORK CREW!
HE RIDES LIKE A MAN TRULY BORN IN THE SADDLE, AND HE ROUNDS UP MUSTANGS WITH ALL THE NATIVE SKILL OF AN EXPERT HUNTER!
AND AT NIGHT, WHILE THE OTHER HUNTERS SLEEP, HE REMAINS AWAKE WITH AN UNUSUAL DEVOTION AND INTEREST IN HIS NEW JOB!
THE GUARDS ARE DOWN CLOSE TO THE HERD!
I WILL STAY HERE IN THE SHADOWS AND OBSERVE!
SUDDENLY, COLD STEEL FLASHES IN THE SOFT MOONLIGHT AND THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE BREAKS THE SILENCE OF THE NIGHT!
THERE ARE TOO MANY GUARDS TO FIGHT THIS TIME, BOYS! WE'LL TRY A NEW TACTIC!
CRACK!
AND THE PHANTOM RAIDER STRIKES AGAIN!
MAKE LOTS OF NOISE! WE'LL FRIGHTEN THE HERD AND STAMPEDE IT RIGHT OUT OF THE VALLEY!
EEE-YAHH!
WHOO-EEE!


THE NEW COWHAND IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZES THE TACTICS OF THE PHANTOM RAIDER AND ATTEMPTS TO CUT OFF THE HERD BEFORE IT CAN BE DRIVEN OUT OF THE VALLEY!
BUT, IN THE NEXT INSTANT, HIS RACING HORSE STEPS IN A GOPHER HOLE...
AND HE IS THROWN IN THE PATH OF THE FRIGHTENED WILD MUSTANGS!
I CAN'T GET OUT OF THEIR WAY... THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE TO SAVE MYSELF!
IN A MOVE OF PERFECT TIMING, THE COWHAND LEAPS UPON THE BACK OF THE LEAD MUSTANG!
THE PHANTOM RAIDER IS BEHIND THE HERD!
HE CAN'T SEE ME UP HERE!
UNAWARE THAT THE MEXICAN RIDES AMIDST THE STAMPEDING HERD, THE PHANTOM RAIDER GLOATS OVER ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RUSTLING RAID!
WE PULLED THAT ONE OFF REAL PERFECT, BOYS!
DRIVE 'EM TO THE HIDEOUT!


ALL DURING THE NIGHT, THE RUSTLERS DRIVE THE HERD, AND BY SUNRISE, THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR SECRET HIDEOUT!
THIS IS WHY NO ONE'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO FIND THE PHANTOM RAIDER! THEY'D NEVER THINK OF LOOKING HERE!



WHILE THE GRIM MEXICAN STILL HOLDS TO A WET, SLIPPERY BACK... STILL DETERMINED TO DO HIS JOB WELL, NO MATTER WHAT THE RISKS MIGHT BE!

HE MOVES WITH CAUTIOUS CUNNING AMONG THE MUSTANGS, THEN APPROACHES THE CABIN OF THE PHANTOM RAIDER, AND OVERHEARS THE CONFIDENT RUSTLERS AS THEY SPEAK...

YOU DID IT AGAIN, BOSS! YOU SNATCHED YOURSELF A FINE BUNCH OF HOSSFLESH!
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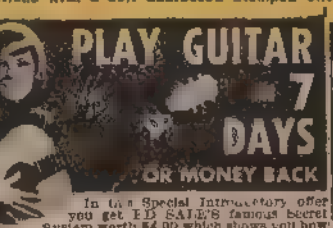

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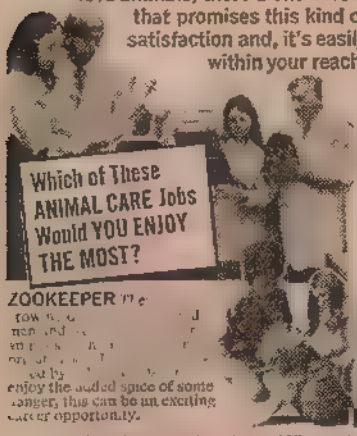

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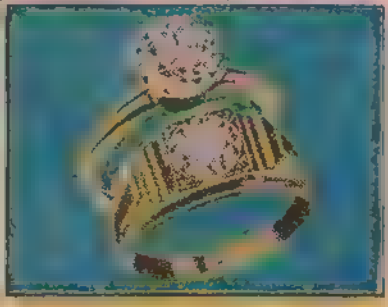

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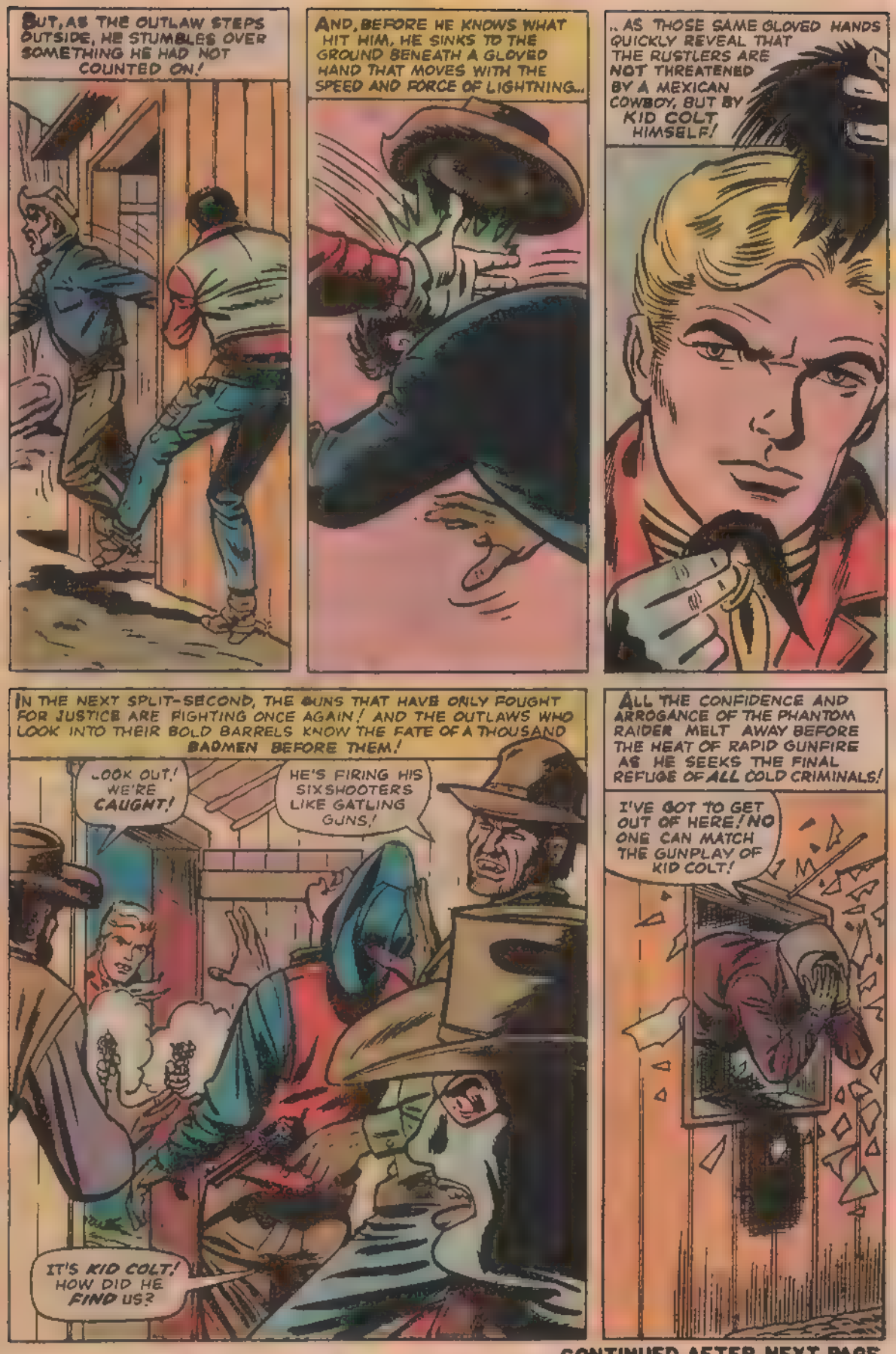
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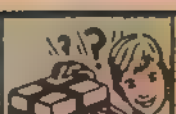

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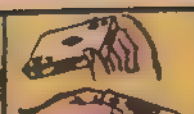

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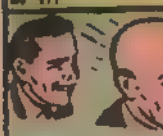

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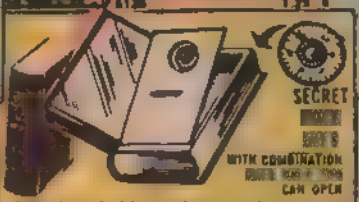

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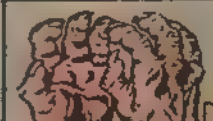

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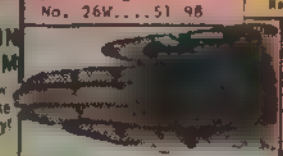

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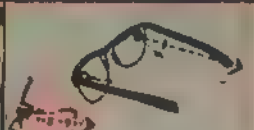

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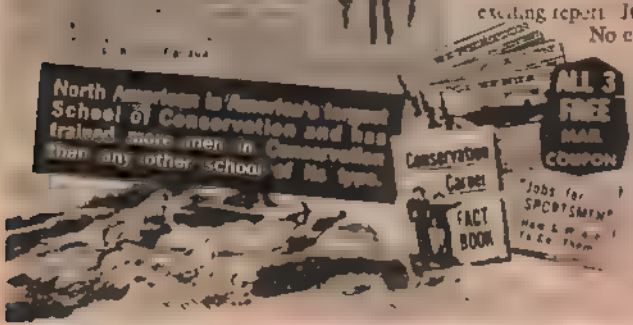
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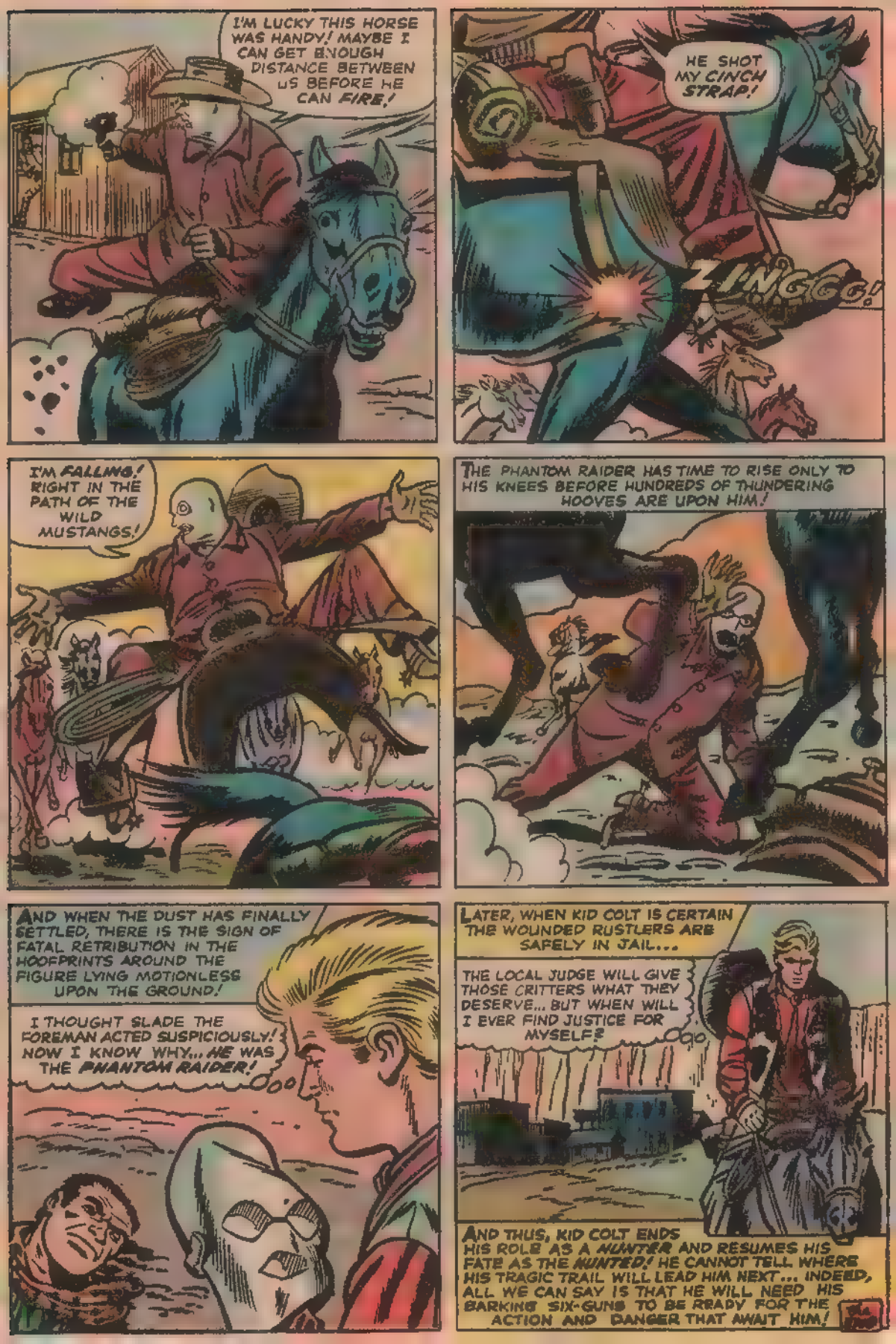
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ITEM! Hey, here's a special aside to all our college readers—and, to judge from our mail, just about every college joe and co-ed in the land must be into Marvel. Anyway, here's the bit: If your college bookstore isn't carrying the latest Marvel masterworks, let us know pronto by dropping us a line c/o CIRCULATION DEPT., Marvel Comics Group, 575 Madison Ave., NYC NY 10022 Help that bookstore of yours shape up, okay? After all, we wouldn't wantcha to be culturally deprived!

ITEM! Looks like the whole world's goin' crazy! CRAZY Magazine, that is! Editor MARV WOLFMAN got busy on the phone the other day, and now issue #2 spotlights a heaping handful of satire by none other than ART BUCHWALD, one of America's most famous humorists—in addition to potent parody by some of the world's wittiest artists and writers! Want proof? Then dig our special Back-To-School ish. That's CRAZY #2, now on sale—wherever mirthful magazines are sold!

ITEM! Well, we predicted it—and yea verily, it has come to pass! In other words, it looks like our far-out FOOM Club is gonna be a bigger hit than the good ol' MMMS and Marvelmania combined—and this one's here to stay, people! Every day brings a veritable mountain of mail singing the praises of all the goodies you get when you sign up—and if you don't believe us, just peruse some of our litin' letters pages, where we've printed the most colorful of the lot! Meanwhile, Jaunty JIM STERANKO—our Minister of InFOOMation—is already shipping out the *third* big issue of our very own FOOM Magazine to each and every member, and this one is replete with the first of a zingy new set of *Secret Codes* which so many of you—young *and* old—have requested! The very first cipher is our SPIDER-MAN CODE, and here's a cryptic message about an upcoming Marvel event which is definitely F.O.O.M. (For Only Our Members)! To wit:

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Captain Midnight, eat your heart out!

Bad news, it seems, never travels alone.

Only two months ago, this space told of the demise of our friend and co-worker, Bill Everett. And *now*, we regret to announce the untimely passing of another all-time great comic artist, SYD SHORES, on Sunday, June 3, 1973.

Syd has been known for his fine work over the years, most notably on *Captain America* in the 1940's, and on *Red Wolf* and many other strips in more recent years. A fuller word will appear in the fourth issue of *Monsters Unleashed*, where Syd's last work will appear.

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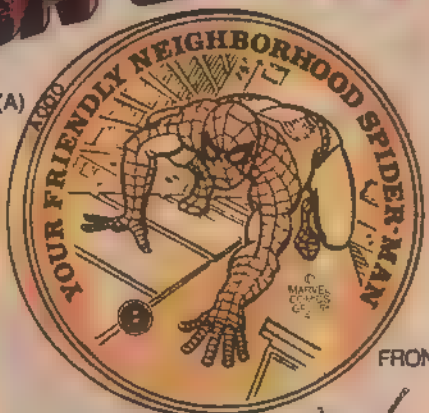

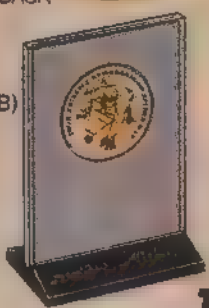

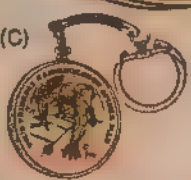

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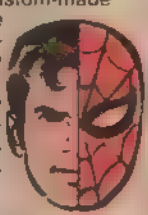

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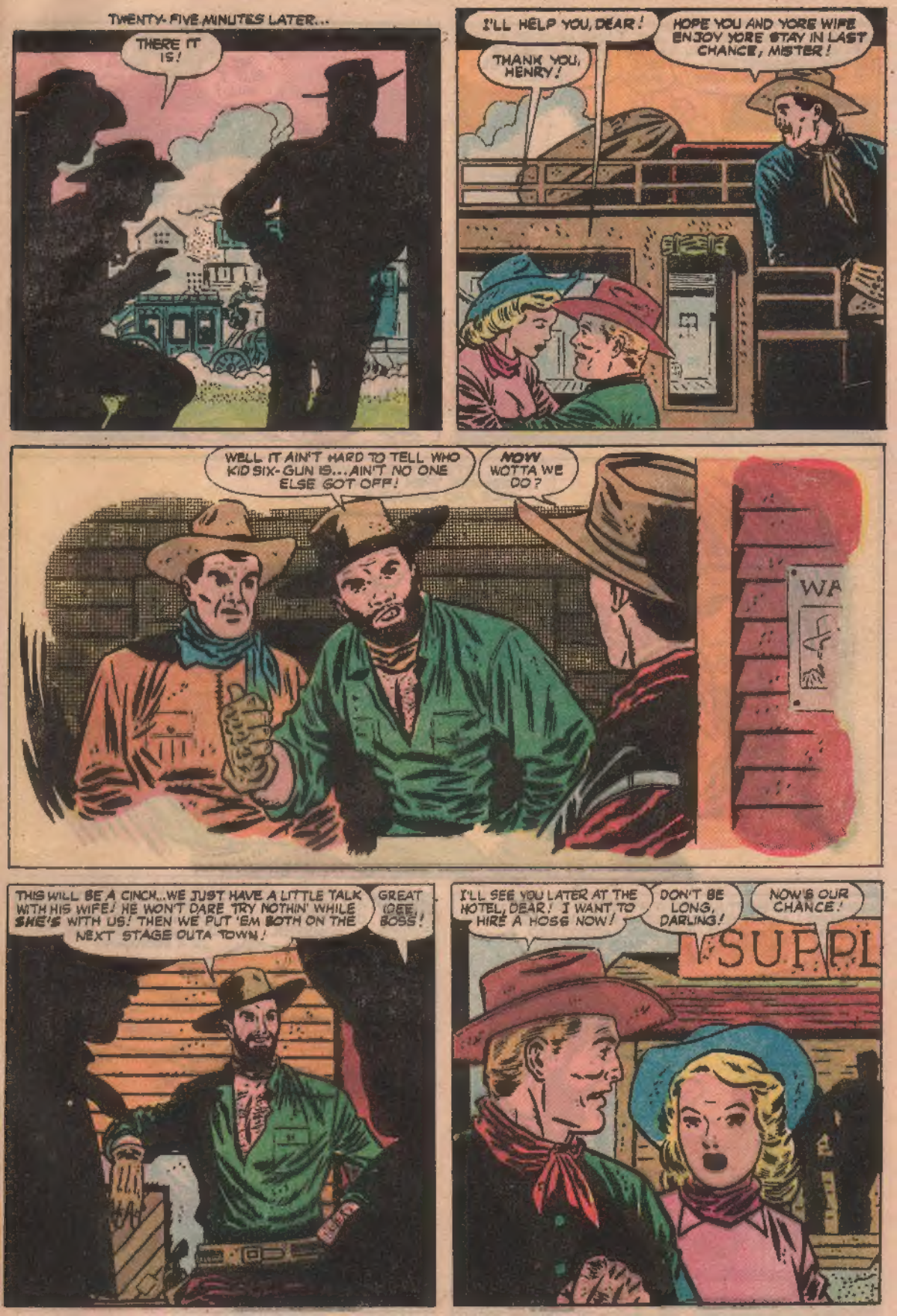
BUT BOSS, EVER SINCE THE GOVERNOR DEPUTIZED HIM, HE'S DEATH ON OWLHOOTS... YOU KNOW THAT!
WHAT ARE WE AFRAID OF? THERE'S FIVE OF US AND ONLY ONE OF HIM!
ONLY THREE OF YUH, BOSS, HANK AN' ME ARE LEAVIN'!
DIRTY NO-GOOD QUITTERS! WE'LL STILL BEAT KID SIX-GUN SOMEHOW! WHEN'S HE COMIN'?
ON THE THREE O'CLOCK STAGE!
THAT GIVES US A HALF-HOUR! WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?
DUNNO, BOSS. NO ONE IN TOWN EVER SAW 'IM. BUT I RECKON WE'LL KNOW 'IM BY THE WAY HE WEARS HIS GUNS!
LET'S FIND A SPOT TO WATCH THE STAGE WHEN IT PULLS IN! WE'LL FIGGER OUT WHAT TO DO WHEN WE SEE 'IM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I'LL HELP YOU, DEAR!
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THANK YOU, HENRY!
WELL IT AIN'T HARD TO TELL WHO KID SIX-GUN IS... AIN'T NO ONE ELSE GOT OFF!
NOW WOTTA WE DO?
THIS WILL BE A CINCH... WE JUST HAVE A LITTLE TALK WITH HIS WIFE! HE WON'T DARE TRY NOTHIN' WHILE SHE'S WITH US! THEN WE PUT 'EM BOTH ON THE NEXT STAGE OUTA TOWN!
GREAT (DEE, BOSS!
I'LL SEE YOU LATER AT THE HOTEL, DEAR! I WANT TO HIRE A HOSS NOW!
DON'T BE LONG, DARLING!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
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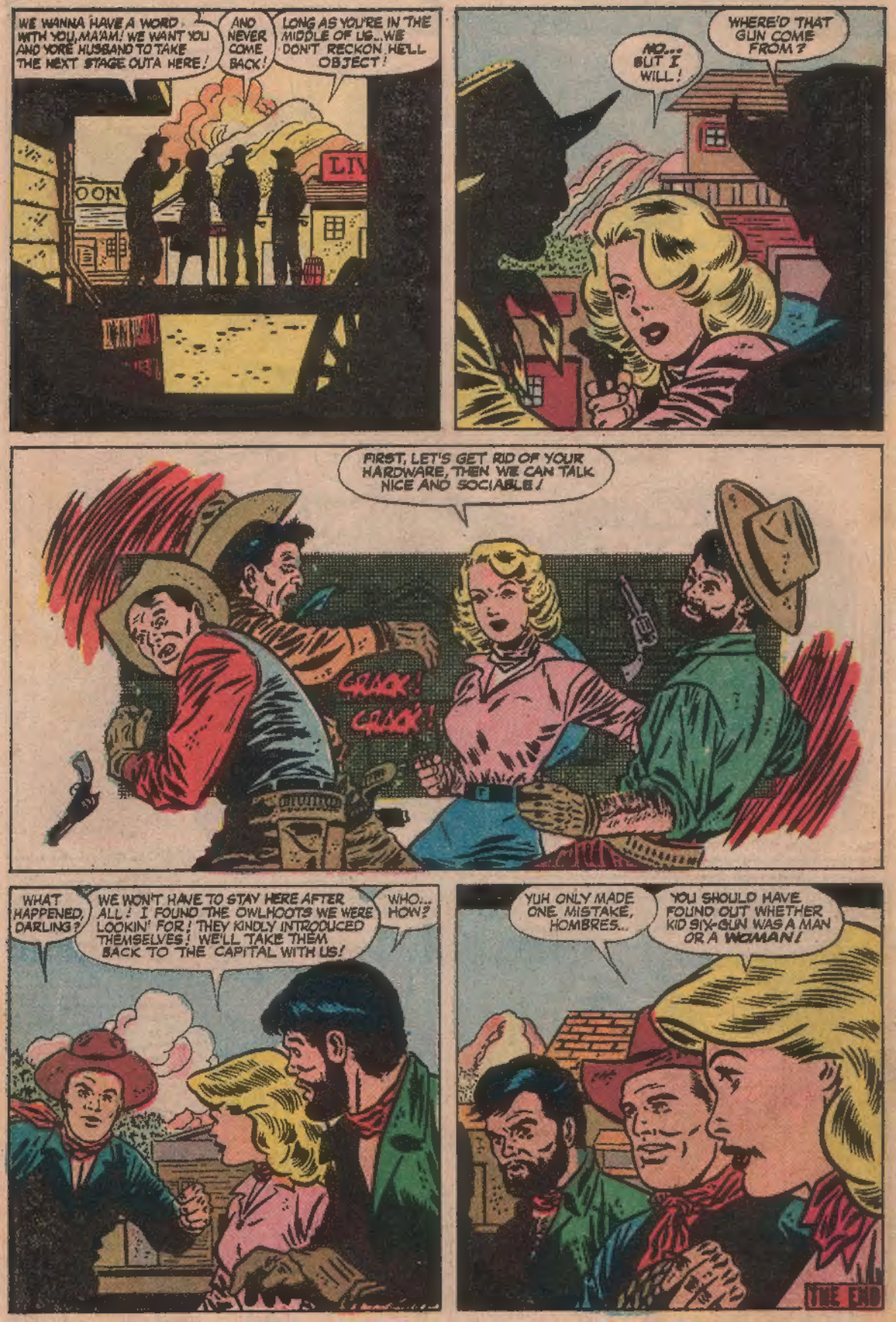
WE WANNA HAVE A WORD WITH YOU, MA'AM! WE WANT YOU AND YORE HUSBAND TO TAKE THE NEXT STAGE OUTA HERE!
AND NEVER COME BACK!
LONG AS YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF US...WE DON'T RECKON HELL OBJECT!
WHERE'D THAT GUN COME FROM?
NO... BUT I WILL!
FIRST, LET'S GET RID OF YOUR HARDWARE, THEN WE CAN TALK NICE AND SOCIABLE!
CRACK!
CRACK!
WHAT HAPPENED, DARLING?
WE WON'T HAVE TO STAY HERE AFTER ALL! I FOUND THE OWLHOOTS WE WERE LOOKIN' FOR! THEY KINDLY INTRODUCED THEMSELVES! WE'LL TAKE THEM BACK TO THE CAPITAL WITH US!
WHO... HOW?
YUH ONLY MADE ONE MISTAKE, HOMBRES...
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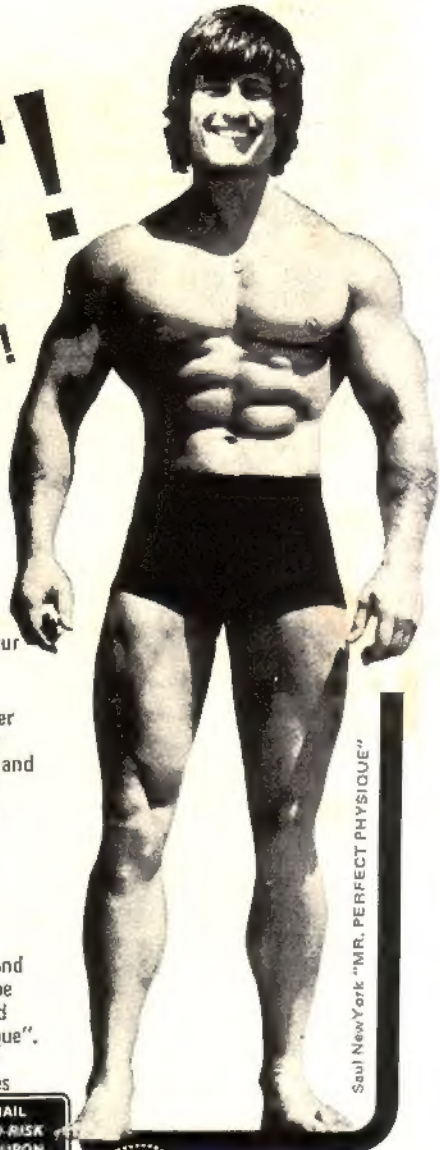

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